Ben Funk

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Lilabelle Beaird

Dear Miss Beaird,
Remember me as
a green Freshman
at Ben. Franklin.
Bob Greathouse
(38-39)

Emit McCollam
Shirley Illinois
(38-39)

Dear Miss Beaird,
Remember me as
the boy who helped
you mimeograph
Rudolf Miner

Lyle Augstin
(38-39)

Eldon Burley
(38-39)

Dear Miss Beaird,
I will be glad
to be in your class
next year.
As ever
Geneva
Stonecypher

your student.
Ruth Orick
'38-'39.

resume'

BEN FUNK
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
SHIRLEY, ILLINOIS
1939

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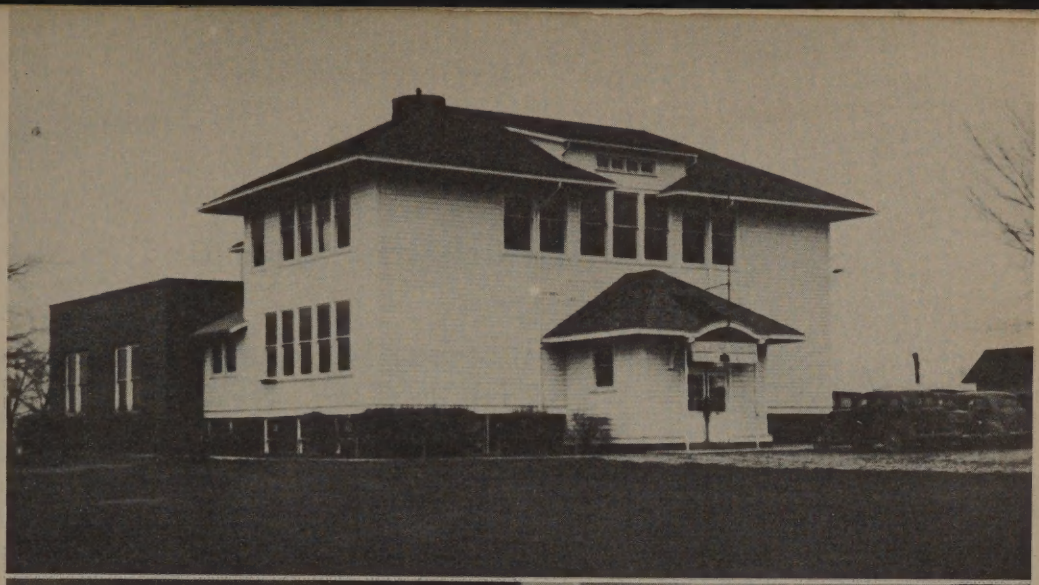

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LaFayette Funk, President.....1940
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BEN FUNK SCHOOL

The Ben Funk Consolidated School was organized in 1912 for the purpose of offering to the members of this community the best possible educational opportunities. Two rural districts combined and the first floor of the present school building was erected. Later, in 1920, a third district was added and the school building was enlarged to its present size. Homes were constructed for the superintendent and janitor. Because of the size of the school district, it was necessary to furnish transportation for the pupils. In 1937 the present garage building was erected for the busses.

At present the grounds include three acres of land. In the school building are three rooms for grade school, three for the high school, a music room, and an office. The annex houses the gymnasium and stage. The new garage has room for four busses and on the second floor is space that will probably be converted into a shop for vocational work. Two homes are on the grounds, one for the janitor, and one for the superintendent.

The elementary school consists of a primary room, an intermediate room and the upper grade room, with a teacher for each group. A three year high school is maintained for the convenience of the patrons. Two teachers spend full time in the high school. In addition there is a music teacher and superintendent whose time is divided about equally between the grade school and the high school. Three busses are maintained to transport every student to school.

During the past year the grade school has been given a superior rating by the state office, the high school was given recognition and the school system has received an honorary certificate from the National Education Association. Every member of the faculty has been in attendance at some college, either during summer or in extension classes within the last nine months. Even the janitor and superintendent have attended a school giving instruction in the maintenance and care of school buildings.

The care of the school grounds, buildings, and bus system is in the hands of Cleveland Eddy. His work extends throughout the twelve months in the year, and during vacation sessions he does maintenance work of a permanent nature. Last summer new concrete walks were laid south and east of the school building. Several rooms in the building were redecorated, the garage was shingled, cabinets were built for storage space, a new office was constructed, and the gymnasium floor was refinished. Many minor jobs such as refinishing desks and building bulletin boards were also done. Mr. Eddy is a man of many trades and during the school year is called upon for many jobs of a varied nature.

Two activities were inaugurated this year with the hopes they will become permanent annual affairs. On April 5 the school held an Open House at which time the work of the students and teaching materials were displayed. On April 25 several neighboring rural schools were guests at a field day which included a music and literary program and athletic contests.

High school

JUNIOR CLASS

Gilbert, Ida Mae "Always talking"
Lewis, Marjorie "Fond of basketball captains"
Odom, Mildred "Likes to write shorthand"
Runge, Wilma "Friendly disposition"
Spaulding, Everett "Always grinning"

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Berry, Maxine "Lessons on time"
Burger, Nellie "The famous cheerleader"
Carwile, Adron "Sports fan"
Conley, Mary Ellen "My Heart Belongs to Daddy"
Funk, La Fayette "School photographer"
Kidwell, Ray "Tall, dark, and handsome"
Kwasigroh, Clifford "That's me!"
Lewis, Helen "Prefers 'Great Men'"
Nicol, Howard "Gentlemen prefer blondes"
Orrick, Ruth "F. F.---Freshman and Fords"
Runge, Wayne "Marble champion"
Russell, Maxine "Famous pianist"

FRESHMAN CLASS

Augstin, Lyle "'Our' champion speller"
Beatty, Roy "Patrick Henry II"
Burley, Eldon "Flag putter-upper and taker-downer"
Feicke, Frances "How I love saxophones"
Greathouse, Robert "All 'Great' men are equal"
Huffman, Nina "Little but mighty"
Limer, James "Well-liked personality"
McCollam, Emit "Future draftsman"
Meiser, Rudolph "A newcomer"
Stonecipher, Geneva "'Robert Taylor'--Oh!"

THE GRADUATES

Ida Mae Gilbert

"Ready Made Family", "The Blue Bag", Editor of Newspaper, Junior Reporter, Vice President of Sophomore Class, Foreign Correspondence Club, Shorthand Correspondence, Shorthand Contest, and Annual Staff.

Marjorie Lewis

Glee Club for three years, "Love Pirates of Hawaii", "Ready Made Family", "The Blue Bag", Editor of Annual, President of Junior Class, President of Girls Glee Club, Junior Reporter, Foreign Correspondence Club, Shorthand Correspondence Club, and Music Night.

Mildred Odom

Honor Roll for five times, Glee Club, Editor of Newspaper, Junior Reporter, "The Blue Bag", Annual Staff, Commercial Contest, Shorthand Correspondence Club, Foreign Correspondence Club, and Music Night.

Wilma Runge

Secretary of Junior Class, Secretary of Student Council, "The Blue Bag", Junior Reporter, "Don't Darken My Door", Foreign Correspondence Club, Shorthand Contest, and Shorthand Correspondence.

Everett Spaulding

Basketball for three years, baseball for two years, Student Council, Junior Class Reporter, Foreign Correspondence Club, "Aunt Emma Sees It Through", "The Dutch Detective", "Ready Made Family", "Love Pirates of Hawaii", and "The Blue Bag".

SPRINGTIME

'Tis springtime and the birds and bees
   Go flying through the budding trees.
The grass is green, the flowers bloom,
   But I sit in an old schoolroom.

I do not hear the birds melody--
   I only think they're taunting me.
They know I can't come out and play--
   And so they taunt me all the day.

The days roll on; the long weeks pass;
   Then comes the month of May at last.
The birds don't taunt me all the day--
   Because our school is out--Hooray!

By Clifford Kwasigroh

REGRET

We hate to think that school is ending
From our pals and teachers we have to part,
Our love and friendship forever extending
To you and you with all our heart.

Into the cold cruel world we go
Not knowing which way to turn,
Toiling all the while for that bright goal
While always for you we yearn.

By The Juniors

Grade school

UPPER GRADES

Cochran, Lorraine
Funk, Duncan
Funk, Eloise
Gilbert, Jimmy
Givens, Jean
Harris, Ina Jean
Kwasigroh, Gordon
Latham, Paul
Moberly, Tommy
Orrick, Frances
Purcell, Mary

Ransdell, Park
Roy, Ralph
Stonecipher, Troy
Studeman, Glenn

Grant, Mabel
Lewis, Franklin
Limer, Ernest
Perry, Cleo
Woolridge, Mamie

INTERMEDIATE GRADES

Funk, Richard
Givens, Joyce
Howard, Helen
Purcell, Kenneth
Rotramel, Frances
Tarvin, Richard
Thomas, Johnny
Thomas, Josephine
Woolridge, Carolyn

Burley, Joyce
Feicke, Gordon
Ferguson, Clint

Kessinger, William
Kidwell, Harriet
Mears, Milton
Orrick, Mary Lou
Purcell, William
Studeman, Delmar

Grant, Thomas
Hougham, Roger
Hovious, Warren
Howald, Sherwood
Rotramel, Doris
Spaulding, Bly

PRIMARY GRADES

Cochran, William
Harris, Andrew
Limer, Leo
Meiser, Betty
Nelson, Carolyn
Orrick, Bobby
Purcell, Phillis

Funk, Mary Frances
Grant, Helen
Kessinger, Delia

Lewis, Eleanor
Rotramel, Harold
Tarvin, Charlotte
Woolridge, Nina

Baumgardner, James
Cochran, Lynn
Grant, Kenneth
Mears, Norman
Morton, Johnny
Spaulding, Charlotte

INTERMEDIATE ROOM

Here we are at school,
Our dinner buckets put away
In comes Miss Graves,
All children say, "Good morning" or "Good day".

Next we take out our arithmetic books,
One look around the room and you see,
The most serious looks.

After arithmetic comes our history
Most of the children like it,
But to some it's still a mystery.

Then what do you think comes next?
Why social science and music, of course.
When Miss O'Brien starts playing with joy,
Everyone sings--even the most bashful boy.

Next comes lunch time,
We eat and then comes time to play,
To all this is a very happy time of the day.
Oh, Shucks! There goes the bell, and
With it comes the end of play.

All afternoon we study,
English, spelling, and art.
Next comes Principal Bates
With a few pleasant remarks.
Next comes recess, we go out to play,
Mr. Eddy rings the dismissal bell--
Thus ends a perfect school day!

By Carolyn Woolridge

A PSALM OF LIFE

Tell us not, O bygone classes,
School is but an easy dream;
For the student works who passes;
Lessons are not what they seem.

Let us then be up and speaking,
For our program lies in wait;
Welcome, friends, if pleasure seeking;
Come and see us graduate.

By Upper Grades

A TRIP TO THE WOODS

We, the primary room, took a trip to the woods. We went to pick flowers.

We went back into the woods. We found two logs. We sat down and ate lunch. When we were through eating we took our dinner buckets back to the bus.

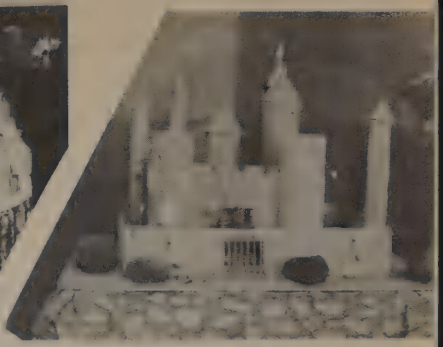
There were many flowers in bloom. We picked two flowers of each kind. We got stuck by nettles.

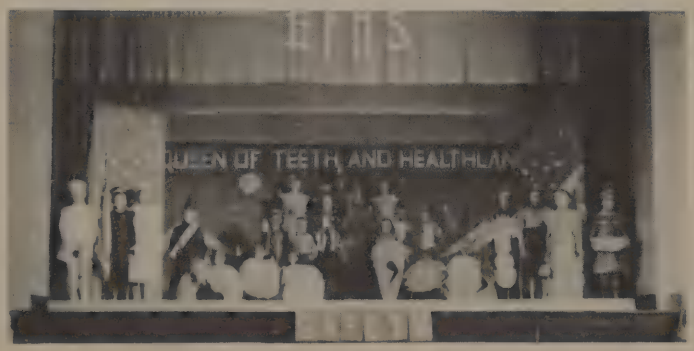
Next we went over and saw the big oak tree. It is supposed to be the biggest oak tree in Funks Grove. It would take about five people to go around it.

Then we came back to the bus. We came back to school a different way. When we got back to school, we pressed flowers to make flower books. We enjoyed our trip to the woods.

By Phyllis Purcell

Activities




QUEEN OF TEETH AND HEALTHLAN

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Aug. 29 The busses take their usual routes and school begins.

Sept. 9 Freshman initiation. Those poor freshmen get a little of the green worn off.

Sept. 13 Camera Club organized. Wonder what happened to all the girls?

Sept. 21 First newspaper. Ida Mae Gilbert is named Editor-in-chief.

Sept. 22 Business Training Class takes tour through State Farm Mutual Insurance Building and finds it interesting.

Sept. 24 High School and Upper Grades go to Champaign to see football game.

Oct. 3 Report cards. Wonder where all the A's are?

Oct. 14 Sophomore Box Social. Huge success.

Oct. 17 High School visits library. Learn all about it. I wonder?

Oct. 20 Juniors have a weiner roast. Lots of fun. Too bad Wilma wasn't there.

Nov. 1 High School sees movie, "Marie Antoinette". Why all the tears?

Nov. 11 Sophomore play. "Ready Made Family"

Nov. 12 I.S.N.U. football game and it had to rain.

Nov. 22 First basketball game and we won.

Nov. 24 Frances Feicke goes to hospital.

Dec. 21 to Jan. 2 Hooray! Christmas vacation.

Jan. 2 Back to school, cramming for exams.

Jan. 4 Game with Emden. We won the trophy by a very narrow margin. Score 19-20.

Jan. 11 Semester exams. We were all glad when they were over, but were we proud of our grades?

Jan. 30 Blizzard and we get a three day vacation.

Feb. 10 Juniors hold pie supper at last basketball game of the year. Girls play the alumni girls and are defeated.
Feb. 11 Community Club has card party. It was a success.
Feb. 16 Mr. Hovious informs Juniors that he might go to Chestnut as janitor for next year.
Feb. 20 Miss O'Brien goes to hospital.
March 9 Teachers and Board visit schools all over the state.
March 23 High School visits Art Exposition.
April 1 Faculty party at Peoria Room at Pere Marquette Hotel in Peoria.
April 5 Open House
April 15 Commercial teams to contest
April 18 High School visits Guidance Conference at Normal.
April 25 Field Day. Six schools visit us.
May 5 Junior Play. "The Blue Bag"
May 12 Sophomore-Junior Banquet held at the Illinois Hotel.
May 17 Graduation.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 22	Ben Funk	23	Congerville	20
Dec. 2	Ben Funk	17	Chestnut	42
Dec. 9	Ben Funk	19	Armington	27
Dec. 16	Ben Funk	22	Alumni	30
Dec. 20	Ben Funk	35	Congerville	27
Jan. 4	Ben Funk	20	Emden	19
Jan. 6	Ben Funk	22	Middletown	35
Jan. 11	Ben Funk	19	Armington	23
Jan. 13	Ben Funk	21	Cisco	22
Feb. 3	Ben Funk	26	Chestnut	34
Feb. 10	Ben Funk	15	Middletown	27
Feb. 17	Ben Funk	30	Emden	18

Jan. 19-20 Tri-Hi Tournament; Ben Funk Second

Ben Funk Reserves Won 7 Lost 4

Mamie Woolridge
Ernest Lee Limer
Paul Lathim
Mabel Grant.
Franklin Lewis

Dear Miss Beaird,
I shall always remember a lovely teacher as you, Miss Beaird, your pupil
Nellie

Dear Miss Beaird,
Just remember me as a mighty good looking sophomore.
A student
Helen

Ralph Roy

Your Friend
Tom Moberly

Dear Miss Beaird,
I really believe that the Freshmen will pay a good price for my Business Training tests next year.
Bud Funk

P.S. "Ralphy" is going to make a good enlargment from as certain negative.

Dear Miss Beaird
I hope you have much success in the future
A friend
Jimmy Gilbert

Dear Lilabelle
Remembering you as a friend and teacher next year.
A friend.
Gordon Knasigroh

Dear Miss Beaird
Remember me as a friend of good old Ben Funk
Park Ransdell (8th grade)

Dear Miss Beaird

Remember Ray as your best boy in class, I thought so, but not bragging just remember Ray along the rest of the bad sophomores of the year 1938-39.

Ray.

Dear Miss Beaird

Remember me as a green freshman at Ben Funk.

James Limer
(38-39)

Autographs

Yours Respectfully
Jimmy Allen

Clifford Kwagigroth

Wayne Runge

Giles Ruth Perry I hope you have good luck.

Ina Jean Harris I hope you have much happiness

I shall always remember Bus. Training class

Howard.

Maxine Berry

Ada Mae Gilbert

Lots of Luck to a swell teacher.
Marjaile Lewis

Wilma Runge

Best of Luck to you!
Mildred Adams

Lots of Luck
Lorraine Cochran

This is about all that I know how to write.

EVERETT SPAULDING BEN FUNK JUNIOR CLASS '38-'39

Sherwood B. Howald "Good Luck"
Kenneth Grant
Roger Houghton "The Best of Luck"
William Grant Cochran
Bly Junior Spaulding

Anderw Clifton Harris Illinois
Robert E. Orrick
Junior Clint Ferguson
Bill K.
Mary Lou Orrick
Milton Mears
William Edward Purcell
Shirely, Illinois
Warren Horrous

McLean
Bly Spaulding
The Every Best Luck
Dear Miss Beard,
I have been keeping my books all these 11 years.
Your friend,
Tommy Grant

Dear Miss Bierd
Best wishes for a happy vacation.
Tommy Grant
Best wishes. Thank you for writing in my book.

Doris Rotramel
Shirley, Ill.

Autographs

Dear Miss Beard,
Cutest little miss,
is always cute,
Mary Lou Orrick
Your Friend

Roy Beatty
Shirley, Ill

Bill Kessinger
Shirley Ill R.R.1.

I hope you much success in the future. Frances Rotramel

I hope you will have happiness in the future
Richard Funk

I love you now
and will forever, you may change, but I will never, death may and we must part, but that will never change my heart.
a friend Troy Stonecipher
Your friend
Josephine Thomas.

much happiness from Johnny Thomas

Dear Miss Beard,
I hope you much success in the future.
your friend,
Kenneth Purcell
Shirley, Illinois

Dear Miss Beard,
I hope you have a nice vacation
yours truly,
Gordon Fleicke

Dear Miss Bearid,

I wish you loads, loads, and loads of luck and happiness.

Your friend forever,

Carolyn Woolridge.

Bill Kessinger

Dear Miss Beaird,

I hope you get what ever your wish is.

your friend always

Milton Mears McLean Joyce

Ill. Gwen

Dear Miss Bearid,

I wish very much luck and happiness in your future.

Joyce Burly

Your friend forever

Helen Howard Shirley, Ill.

Dear Miss Beaird, Delmar Studem

Heyworth, Ill.

I hope you much success in your near future.

Richard Tarvin

Dear Miss Beaird.

I hope you you have a good time. I hope you are going to stay kear

your friend,

William

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